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 METHOD OF MOVING IMAGE  
 SIGNAL, AND DECODING  
 AND CODING APPARATUS OF  
 MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL  
 USING THE SAME

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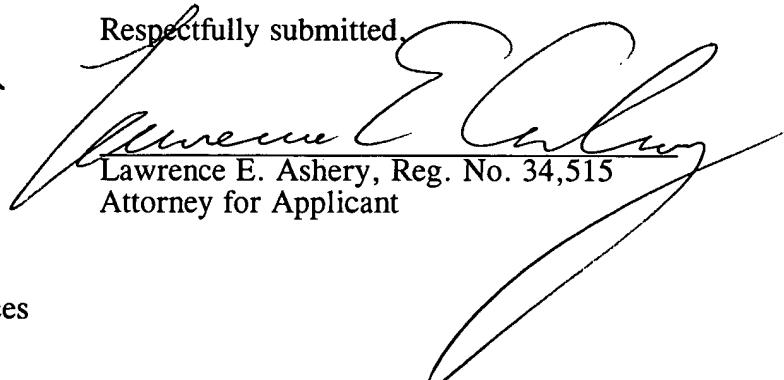
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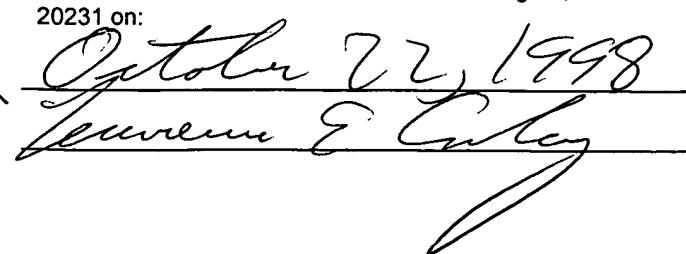
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